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TOWNSHIP COMMEMORATES MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, North Brunswick remembered and honored all the men and women in the military who have served our country so proudly.

"It is Memorial Day, it's not Veterans Day but we take every opportunity to honor those veterans who have served us," said Mayor Francis 'Mac' Womack.

Proclamations were read for the Township's Veterans of the Year, Michael Gaeta, Kathryn Abrams and Robert Alan Paley.

As a Second Lieutenant in World War II for the United States Army, Gaeta served in England with a support group for troops going to France and was stationed in Dover on D-Day, transferring wounded soldiers from the dock. After serving overseas, he left the war with the rank of Captain and taught English at Jamesburg High School.

Gaeta was recalled back to



Mayor Francis 'Mac' Womack and the Township Council honored 2015 Veterans of the Year Michael Gaeta, Kathryn Abrams and Robert Alan Paley at the Township's Memorial Day Ceremony.

active duty in June 1952 and served in Korea until 1954. He retired from the service in 1967 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Abrams enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in March 2004 and was deployed with the 50th Personnel Services Battalion unit to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan from January 2006-February 2007.

She served in the 508th Military Police during her second deployment from July 2012 to June 2013 as the Movement Control Officer, tracking every convoy and foot patrol that left her base each day.

Paley enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in June 1965 and was an active member until December 1968. He trained at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas and was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota

After seeing a teletype asking for volunteers for Thailand

Service and submitting papers for a transfer, he was assigned to Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base in October 1966. He served in the 388th Combat Support Group until October 1967.

Paley said that on Memorial Day he often thinks about the Greatest Generation and veterans who served in World War I and II. He spoke about the members of his family who served in the military, spanning World War I to Vietnam.

In his remarks, former U.S. Ambassador to Germany Philip Murphy said it ought to be priority No. 1 to take care of veterans in whatever way possible when they return home, whether it be jobs, health care, education or taking care of some of the afflictions that they carry with them, physical or mental.

"I hope we can all see that it stays that way for the decades going forward when our young members of active service grow old in the decades ahead and that we are with you and we've got your back," he said. "That should be our common aspiration."

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Francis 'Mac' Womack

Happy Summer North Brunswick!

This season offers everybody a time to relax, take a family vacation, or, if you are staying in town, enjoy one of our Township parks for a quiet walk or active recreation.

On the topic of parks, work has begun on the remediation of Veterans Park which is expected to be completed in

August. Then, park improvements will On Memorial Day, North Brunswick commence this fall with completion by honored Michael Gaeta, Kathryn next spring. Abrams and Robert Alan Paley as

Improvements include the rebuilding of the tennis courts, construction of two new basketball courts, softball field, new restroom and concession building, and improvements to the playground equipment and landscaping. An illustration is available on the Township website.

We also hope to improve the area around the monument dedicated to our veterans. We are speaking with our veterans groups to determine the best way to honor those who have bravely served our country.

During the spring, the Township continued its Veteran Street Sign Program as Sam Zippo, Phil Dellasala and James Grieco were honored. It was great to have all three veterans together at the ceremony.

On Memorial Day, North Brunswick honored Michael Gaeta, Kathryn Abrams and Robert Alan Paley as Veterans of the Year. Our ceremonies at Community Park and Sabella Park have become Township traditions where we remember and thank those who protect our freedoms.

There are a couple Township events I encourage you to attend this summer. National Night Out will be held in the Police Department Parking Lot at 710 Hermann Road on Tuesday, August 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Township's 9/11 ceremony will be at the Sept. 11 Memorial Park Monument across from the Municipal Building at 7 p.m. Also, North Brunswick's 33rd Annual Heritage Day will be on Saturday, September 19.

Have a great summer!

TOWNSHIP BEGINS 2015 ROAD PROGRAM

The Township began its 2015 Road Program in June, which includes \$2.6 million in street and utility improvements to six municipal roadways.

Director of Community Development Michael Hritz said a second phase of Hoover Drive from Farrington Boulevard to Schweitzer Place will be completely reconstructed, along with a much needed water system replacement. A third phase from Farrington Boulevard to the PSE&G right-of-way is expected for the 2016 program.

A complete road reconstruction will take place on Taylor Place from McKinley Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue, and on Yorke Road off of Livingston Avenue. Overhill Drive will be repaved and road work and a major drainage improvement will take place on Tulip Drive from Evelyn Avenue north to the dead end.

Reconstruction of Nassau Street on the east side of Georges Road will begin this fall and include storm system upgrades. The project is funded in part with a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$350,000.

COUNCIL CORNER



Councilman Bob Corbin

In May, the North Brunswick Police Department held its annual Police Week Ceremony, honoring our law enforcement officers and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Members of the Department received service awards for their responses to emergencies and crimes.

These awards spotlight the fine job our police officers do each day. Too often, however, the media focuses on the negative stories involving law enforcement and not enough on the positive impact officers have on their communities.

We have a phenomenal police force in North Brunswick. They handle themselves with professionalism and ensure that our residents are safe. My Council colleagues and I read the police reports and are impressed with our officers' rapid response to incidents and their efficiency and thoroughness in investigating and solving crimes.

The Department has a great leadership team, led by Director Kenneth McCormick. Their focus on community policing further enhances the positive relationship between our residents and the police. Council members hear from residents frequently about how engaged our officers are in their neighborhoods and having that presence makes them feel safe.

We also applaud the Department's efforts in engaging the public through social media. The Facebook and Nixle posts are beneficial to the community as they see the ways our police are fighting crime and providing important safety tips.

Mayor Womack and the Township Council extend their gratitude to the men and women in our Police Department for the great job they do in protecting the citizens of North Brunswick.

NBPD WELCOMES NEW OFFICER, PROMOTES 2

The oath of office for the Township's newest police officer, Fedor Salvador-Romero and the promotions of Sergeant James Benanti to Lieutenant and Detective Michael Sauvigne to Sergeant were administered in May.

Salvador-Romero, a North Brunswick Investigation Unit. resident, graduated from Monmouth County Police Academy on May 14. Prior to being hired, he worked as a corrections officer with the New Jersey Department of Corrections.

He earned an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Gibbs College in 2009 and is currently attending Caldwell College pursuing his

Bachelors Degree.

Benanti, hired in 1994, most recently supervised the Detective Bureau as a Sergeant and has held diverse assignments including Patrol Division, Traffic Safety Bureau, Anti-Crime Unit and Special

He is the recipient of numerous letters of commendation and a lifesaving award. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice at Caldwell College and a Masters Degree at Seton Council are aware of the needs of Hall University.

Sauvigne, hired in 2006, has served as Patrolman to Detective prior to being promoted to Sergeant. He has held diverse assignments including AntiCrime Unit, Burglary Task Force and Detective Bureau

He is the recipient of numerous letters of commendation and a lifesaving award. He received a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice at Caldwell College and a Masters Degree from Seton Hall University.

Director of Public Safety Kenneth McCormick said Mayor Francis 'Mac' Womack and the Township the community in terms of public safety, adding that increased population and demands of services have necessitated the need for additional manpower.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

For many families, the lineage of firefighters is passed from generation to generation.

That is true for Deputy Fire Marshal Donald Salzmann's family.

His father, George, was a firefighter for over 50 years with North Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company No. 2. Watching his father respond to fire calls sparked an interest with Donald and in 1974, he joined the fire company.

In his 40 years with Company No. 2, Salzmann has served in an officer's capacity for at least two-thirds of that time, serving as Fire Chief for 15 years. He is currently Township Fire Chief for the three companies, which rotates each year.

"It is very rewarding knowing you can help somebody and protect people's property," said Salzmann.

The interest in being a firefighter has been passed down to Salzmann's son, Don, who also became a member of the fire company.

Salzmann, who has been with the Township since 1994, said the Fire Marshal's Office conducts inspections of warehouses, businesses and institutions to ensure they are not in violation of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code.



Deputy Fire Marshal Donald Salzmann

They also perform smoke detector, carbon monoxide and fire extinguisher inspections, along with plan review for fire lanes and assist in the set up for Township events, such as the Youth Sports Festival and Heritage Day.

In October, Salzmann, along with Fire Marshal Craig Snediker and Deputy Fire Marshal Daryle Masters promote fire safety by visiting North Brunswick elementary schools as part of Fire Prevention Month. Salzmann said the students watch a fire safety video, then after a brief discussion he puts on his firefighter gear.

The students then head outside to get a look at a fire truck.

"They really get excited over that," said Salzmann

He said each day has its unpredictability as there could be a day with no fire calls and others with several. Even a simple drive through town or an inspection may not be as routine as expected.

Earlier this spring, as Salzmann was driving on Livingston Avenue, he came

upon a motor vehicle accident.

An elderly female driver stopped breathing at the scene. Salzmann stopped and assisted with CPR. The driver regained a pulse and began breathing while still on the scene. After a few days in the hospital, she was released.

"I heard she is doing well so that is good," said Salzmann.

A few years ago, Salzmann was arriving at a house for a routine fire inspection when he saw a man holding his wrist and yelling for help.

"He lost a lot of blood so I called it in and tried to get him stable," he said.

Salzmann made a tourniquet and covered him with a blanket and his turnout gear to keep him warm. The man was transported to a hospital and made a full recovery.

Salzmann was later honored with a proclamation from Mayor Womack and the Township Council. For his part, Salzmann said he was glad he was there that day and was at the right place at the right time.

The recognition is nice, he added, but he prefers quietly going about his job.

"I try to stay low key," he said.
"Just get the job done; that is the main thing."

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE CREATED

Mayor Francis 'Mac' Womack created an Electronic Communications Task Force this spring aimed at preventing minors from sharing provocative photos and videos via e-mail, text, social media or any other electronic means.

"This task force is simply an expression of concern and love for our children," said Mayor Womack. "We want to find ways to make sure that youthful mistakes that can have long lasting effects don't become common in our community. We're not looking for ways to punish but to empower our kids from engaging in harmful sexting whether it be from indiscretion or coercion."

The North Brunswick Police Department has seen several incidents within the Township, highlighting the growth of the issue nationwide.

Captain Brian Hoiberg said teenagers do not realize that e-mails are forever and they must understand that there are ramifications when they engage in inappropriate activity online.

In getting the message out on the issue, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Zychowski and Sargeant Michael Sauvigne appeared on WCTC's morning radio show hosted by Bert Baron to discuss the topic. A community forum was also held at North Brunswick Township High School with Dr. Zychowski, members of the Police Department, Mayor Womack's wife, Carol and Lisa Athan, executive director of Grief Speaks.

2015 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 4
North Brunswick Police
Department Parking Lot
5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Food * Drink * Face
Painting * Games



Sam Zippo, James Grieco and Phil Dellasala each had their name unveiled on a secondary street sign during a Township Veteran Street Sign Ceremony in April.

DPRCS NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL CEREMONY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH SEPT. 11 MEMORIAL PARK MONUMENT—7 P.M.

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP

33RD ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
COMMUNITY PARK—1 P.M.

MUSIC * DANCING * FOOD * RIDES * PETTING ZOO * PONY RIDES

LIVE BAND & FIREWORKS

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Tennis Lessons

Sundays July 12th—August 16th

Renaissance Park Tennis Courts
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Ages 5—Adult
Residents—\$80 Non-Residents—\$90

Chess Lessons

Thursdays July 9th—August 13th

North Brunswick Municipal Building 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
Residents—\$75 Non-Residents—\$85

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Monday, July 13th at 12 p.m.— Lunch & Learn presented by North Brunswick Pharmacy—Medication Safety.

Monday, August 10th at 12 p.m.—Summer BBQ, with entertainment by Bill Garfinkle. \$3/person

Friday, August 28th—Trip to "Branson Country Connections" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Trip departs Senior Center at 9:45 a.m. \$60/person.

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DPW NEWS

SUMMER TRASH COLLECTION CHANGES

All municipal government offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2015 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. As a result, the following are the trash collection changes:

Automated (once a week) trash collection in ZONE 3

(consisting of neighborhoods boredered by Routes 1 & 27 between How Lane and Finnegan's Lane as well as the east side of Route 1 to the railroad tracks **INCLUDING DEERBROOK VILLAGE**)

Trash collection is cancelled on Friday, July 3rd and will be collected on Monday, July 6th, 2015

Townhome residents with twice a week Tuesday and Friday collection

Trash collection is cancelled on Friday, July 3rd. Collection will resume on your next regularly scheduled day, Tuesday, July 7th, 2015

COMPUTER AND TV DROP OFF DAY

TV's and computers are considered hazardous waste and cannot be integrated into the regular trash stream. North Brunswick residents may bring computers, monitors and TV's to the Department of Public Works at 45 Quarry Lane on **Saturday, August 8th, 2015 from 8:00am – Noon**. Our vendor is bonded and is an authorized business to deconstruct these items in an environmentally sensitive fashion. Please, no cables, keyboards, mice, printers, etc. These items can be put in the trash.

RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHRED EVENT

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management is again hosting a Paper Shred Event for residents that wish to have documents securely destroyed. The event will be held in Babbage Park (adjacent to Parsons Elementary School). Take Laurel Place to Edison Avenue on **Saturday, September 12th, 2015 between 9am – Noon (or until the truck is full, whichever comes first).** Residents may bring a maximum of 5 file boxes or up to 100 pounds of documents in manageable containers. If you have more than that, or need additional information, please call the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-4170.

This event is for residential paper shredding – no businesses, please!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAYS

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management sponsors Household Hazardous Waste Days throughout the year at various locations.

The next two are held at: Sunday, July 19, 2015 at Old Bridge Public Works from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Woodbridge Public Works from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. For more information, please call the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at (732) 745-7140.



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Councilman Bob Davis	bdavis@northbrunswicknj.gov
Councilwoman Shanti Narra	snarra@northbrunswicknj.gov

Township of North Brunswick 710 Hermann Road North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (732) 247-0922 www.northbrunswicknj.gov Hours: Monday—Friday: 8:30 a.m. to Township Council public meetings are typically held on the first and third Monday of the month. If a meeting falls on a holiday, it is held on Tuesday.

Township Council Workshop meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, except in case of a holiday, in which case the meeting would be held on Tuesday instead.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

4 p.m.

Mayor's Office	Ext. 430
Business Administration	
Clerk's Office	Ext. 470
Community Development	Ext. 440
Community Services	Ext. 475
Parks and Recreation	
Police Administration	Ext. 400
Public Safety (Non-Emergency)	Ext. 300
Municipal Court	Ext. 425
Fire	Ext. 697
First Aid/Rescue	(732) 545-1024
Public Works	
Recycling	.(732) 297-1134
Water General Questions	.(877) 783-5560
Water Emergency	

North Brunswick Senior Center 15 Linwood Place (732) 247-0922, ext. 820

Hours: Monday—Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

North Brunswick Library 880 Hermann Road (732) 246-3545 www.northbrunswicklibrary.org

Hours: Monday—Thursday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday—Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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